GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:2127
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ALLOTMENT OF ISD/STD BOOTHS
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Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether several ISD/STD Booths have been allotted at Howrah Station of E. Rly. Without requisite administrative approval;

(b) if so, whether the Government have received any complaints in this regard;

(c) the details of all the ISD/STD Booths being operated at Howrah Station along with the names and educational qualifications of the booth operators;

(d) whether any priority is given to educated unemployed SC/ST/OBC applicants in allotting STD Booths ;

(e) if so, the details thereof; and

(f) the details of the allotments made to the said categories during the last three years?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY(SHRIMATI SUMIT MAHAJAN)

(a) No, Sir.

(b) No, Sir. However, one complaint was received regarding allotment of space at Howrah Railway station.

(c) The details of the franchisees of ISD/STD Booths being operated at Howrah railway station is given in the Annexure.

(d) to (f): As per the existing policy, STD/ISD PCOs are allotted to all the applicants, who are 18 years of age and above, on first come first served basis. Where there is waiting list for STD/ISD PCOs the order of priority for allotment of PCOs is war-widows/dependants, SC/ST, handicapped persons and ex-servicemen. Separate list of allotment for these categories is not maintained. No separate priority is given to applicants from OBC category.

ANNEXURE

SL. NO.	NAME OF THE FRANCHISEE	EDUCATIONAL QUALIFICATION
1.	Shri Gopal Shaw	Class-VI
2.	Shri Uttam Chatterjee	H.S.
3.	Shri Arnab Dasgupta	B.Com(Hon.)
4.	Shri Ranjit Kr. Das	B.Com.
5.	Shri Deepak Samanta	Madhyamik
6.	Smt. Arati Chowdhury	B.Com.
7	Shri Jayanta Sen	Madhyamik
8.	Shri Upendra Prasad	Intermediate
9.	Shri Sainik Aramgarh	Not available
10.	Shri Bhola Nath Sahal	Class-VIII